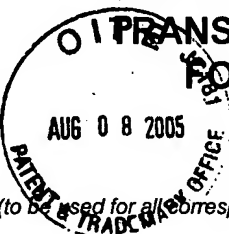
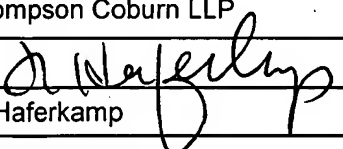
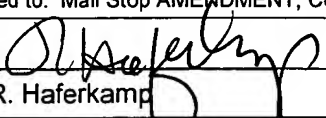


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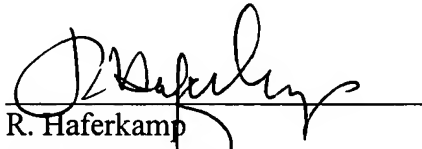
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In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.